GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF VILLAGE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to promote the village industry and works like weaving of basket with bamboo, mat weaving with coir and making of wall hangings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount released for the above purpose to Tamil Nadu during last three years; and

(d) the steps taken to export these items abroad?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES

(SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The activities of mat weaving, basket making are covered under ongoing programmes of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).In addition to providing margin money grant to the units, the KVIC also provides technical guidance and training for the development of mat weaving and basket making industry. The Coir Board is providing technology and raw material to develop coir yarn spinning, weaving and product development through research and development, training, extension and financial assistance.

(c): The KVIC has released the following amounts to the State of Tamil Nadu from its Budgetary sources for village industries, as a whole:-

Year	Rs. in lakhs
1997-98	85.34
1998-99	451.51
1999-2000	248.57

The Coir Board has no pre-determined allocation of funds for this purpose.However, the details of expenditure incurred by them during the past three years for implementation of various schemes in Tamil Nadu are given below:-

Year	Rs. in lakhs
1997-98	90.96
1998-99	91.99
1999-2000	61.84

(d): As far as the KVIC is concerned, it motivates the exporting units to export V.I. products by providing certain incentives;such as concessional rate of interest, cash incentives, etc. The Coir Board undertakes various export promotion measures like participation in fairs and exhibitions, subsidised space for exporters at the exhibitions, trade information services, etc.